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For: PURIFIED HEPATITIS C VIRUS ENVELOPE PROTEINS FOR DIAGNOSTIC AND  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

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Responsive to the Office Action dated January 15, 2004, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested; the period for response having been extended up to and including July 15, 2004, by submission of the requisite petition and fee, attached.

**A Rule 181 Petition is filed herewith for consideration by the Commissioner in the event the Examiner again refuses to consider all of the subject matter of the Examiner's Groups I-III together and/or examine the subject matter of claims 41 and 42 with the subject matter of the Examiner's Groups I and II.**

**Consideration of the attached Rule 181 Petition and a Decision on the same prior to Issuance of a further Action from the Examiner is requested as issuance**

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